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transferring the use data from the first device to the second device via the
network [when the first and second devices are connected, including all of the use data
10 collected while the first and second devices were not connected].

14. (ONCE AMENDED) A method as recited in claim 7,
wherein said collecting detects [software] at least one computer program
loaded in the computer, and
wherein the use data transferred to the second device include identification of
the [software] at least one computer program loaded into the computer.

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15. (ONCE AMENDED) A method as recited in claim 14,
wherein said collecting detects frequency of use of the [software] at least one
computer program loaded in the computer, and
wherein the use data transferred to the second device include the frequency of
use of the [software] at least one computer program loaded in the computer.

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22. (TWICE AMENDED) A method of [transferring] obtaining information
associated with playback of [a recording] recordings containing segments at a first device
connectable to a second device via a network, comprising:
identifying at least one segment of [the] a recording, fixed in a medium
5 possessed by a user;
collecting, at the first device, use data associated with the recording, the use
data including segment data identifying the at least one segment played at the first device; and
transferring the use data from the first device to the second device via the
network.

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31. (ONCE AMENDED) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the recording is a
digital file containing digitized audio signals.

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32. (ONCE AMENDED) A method as recited in claim 31, wherein the digital file contains audio data compressed using MPEG encoding.

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41. (TWICE AMENDED) A system for obtaining information based on playback of at least one recording at a first device connected to a second device via a network, comprising:
collecting means for collecting use data related to at least one of a portion of [the] a recording fixed in a medium possessed by a user, and play time of the recording [regardless of whether the first and second devices are connected];
establishing means for establishing a connection between the first and second devices [after the recording has been obtained];
sending means for sending the use data from the first device to the second device via the network; and
storing means for storing the use data at the second device.

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52. (ONCE AMENDED) A computer-readable storage as recited in claim 43,
wherein the first device is a computer,
wherein said collecting detects [software] at least one computer program loaded in the computer, and
wherein the use data transferred to the second device include identification of the [software] at least one computer program loaded into the computer.

53. (ONCE AMENDED) A computer-readable storage as recited in claim 52,
wherein said collecting detects frequency of use of the [software] at least one computer program loaded in the computer, and
wherein the use data transferred to the second device include the frequency of use of the [software] at least one computer program loaded in the computer.

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62. (TWICE AMENDED) A system for transferring information associated with playback of a recording, comprising:

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a first device to reproduce a recording fixed in a medium [owned] possessed by a user, and to collect use data associated with the recording;
a second device to store the use data; and
a network coupled to said first and second devices to transfer the use data from said first device to said second device.

77. (ONCE AMENDED) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the recording is fixed in a medium [owned] possessed by a user of the first device.

82. (ONCE AMENDED) A method as recited in claim 22, wherein the recording is fixed in a medium [owned] possessed by a user of the first device.

Please ADD the following new claims:

83. (NEW) A method as recited in claim 2,
wherein said collecting collects the use data for a plurality of recordings fixed in at least one medium possessed by the user, and
wherein said transferring includes providing identification of the user.

84. (NEW) A method as recited in claim 83, further comprising storing the use data at the second device to provide an indication of the recordings played by the user.

85. (NEW) A method as recited in claim 22,
wherein said collecting collects the use data for a plurality of recordings fixed in at least one medium possessed by the user, and
wherein said transferring includes providing identification of the user.

86. (NEW) A method as recited in claim 85, further comprising storing the use data at the second device to provide an indication of the recordings played by the user.

87. (NEW) A system as recited in claim 41,
wherein said collecting means collects the use data for a plurality of
recordings fixed in at least one medium possessed by the user, and
wherein said sending means further sends data identifying the user.

88. (NEW) A system as recited in claim 87, wherein said storing means stores the use
data at the second device to provide an indication of the recordings played by the user.

89. (NEW) A computer-readable storage as recited in claim 43,
wherein said collecting collects the use data for a plurality of recordings fixed
in at least one medium possessed by the user, and
wherein said transferring includes providing identification of the user.

90. (NEW) A computer-readable storage as recited in claim 89, further comprising
storing the use data at the second device to provide an indication of the recordings played by
the user.

91. (NEW) A system as recited in claim 62,
wherein said first device collects the use data for a plurality of recordings
fixed in at least one medium possessed by the user, and
wherein said network further transfers data identifying the user.

92. (NEW) A system as recited in claim 91, wherein said second device stores the use
data to provide an indication of the recordings played by the user.

REMARKS

In the April 4, 2000 Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 2-82 were pending
in the application; rejected claims 2-5, 22, 27, 28, 31, 32, 35-38, 41, and 81 under 35 U.S.C.
§ 102(e); and rejected claims 2, 6-26, 29, 30, 33, 34, 39, 40, 42-80 and 82 under 35 U.S.C. §